

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-13 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,104,929, issued to Josse et al. (“Josse”). Claim 14 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejection, as applied to cancelled claim 14, is rendered moot. Applicant traverses the rejection because Josse fails to disclose or suggest each of the elements recited in the claims of the present invention. In particular, Josse fails to disclose or suggest a method of registration in a telecommunications system that includes, among other features, “an access parameter which indicates whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks”, as recited in claims 1 and 2.

Claim 8 is an independent claim directed to a data structure having features similar to those recited in method claims 1 and 2.

Josse discloses a mobile telecommunications network that “particularly concerns mobile stations with general packet radio services (GPRS) capabilities” (Col. 6, lines 51-52). In Josse, the address of a latest Serving GPRS Support Node (SGSN) is provided to a Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) by a special Update SGSN Address Request message which is sent from the SGSN to the GGSN (See Abstract and Col. 3, lines 24-27). The Update SGSN Address Request message provides the new SGSN address, i.e., the address of SGSN 24 (Col. 7, lines 38-40).

The Office Action, on page 3, attempts to equate the class parameters A, B, C of Josse

to the access parameters recited in claims 1, 2 and 8 of the present application. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that classes A, B and C merely relate to the mobile station's physical capabilities rather than its subscriber data. (See Col. 8, lines 7-9 in which "The MS Class parameter indicates whether the mobile station is a class-A, class-B, or class-C mobile station"). Thus, Applicant submits class parameters A, B, and C are not "access parameters" which indicate whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network, or both networks, as required in claims 1, 2 and 8 of the present application.

Applicant notes that the HLR of Josse stores an additional field known as "SGSN Address Updating Allowed" for GPRS subscription data that specifies whether the subscriber is allowed to update its SGSN address to its GGSN when he is not GPRS active and after GPRS Attach or Inter SGSN Routing Area Update (See TABLE 2 and Col., 9, lines 64-67). However, as stated above with respect to MS parameter classes A, B and C, the SGSN Address Updating Allowed field fails to meet the requirements of the access parameter recited in claims 1, 2 and 8 of the present application.

Applicant further notes in step 3-4c of FIG. 3A of Josse, the HLR 26 sends all relevant GPRS information for each PDP type for mobile station (MS) 40. The relevant information includes the IMSI and GPRS subscription data. (See, Col. 9, lines 11-20). A listing of GPRS subscription data is provided in TABLE 1 and TABLE 2, Col. 15 and 16, respectively). Applicant respectfully submits none of the subscription data of TABLE 1 and TABLE 2 indicate "whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks", as the access parameter recited in claims 1, 2 and 8 of the

present application.

Since Josse fails to disclose or suggest a method or data structure that include an access parameter indicating “whether the mobile subscriber is entitled to use the first network, the second network or both networks” as recited in independent claims 1, 2 and 8, claims 1, 2 and 8 are not anticipated.

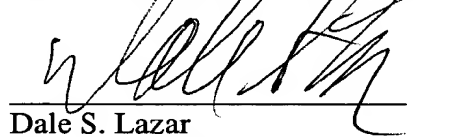
Claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 13 depend from claim 1; claim 5 depends from claim 2; and claims 9-12 depend from claim 8. Applicant has discussed above the distinguishing features of claims 1, 2 and 8. By virtue of their dependence from claims 1, 2 and 8, claims 3-7 and 9-13 also contain the distinguishing features of claims 1, 2 and 8. Thus, dependent claims 3-7 and 9-12 are patentable over Josse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-14 are requested.

In view of the foregoing, the application is in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number provided.

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